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DE 40 09 038 is cited in Category D: A document referenced in the application and Category Y: of special significance in combination with another reference of the same category for its abstract and FIG. 2 as to examined claim 1.

United States Patent 6 020 821 is cited in Category Y for Column 4, page 35 to column 5, line 36 and its drawing with reference to examined claim 1.

DE 195 46 215 is cited for its abstract and drawing in Category A: technological background with reference to examined claim 1.

EP 0 716 489 is cited in Category A for column 2, lines 29 to 49 and its drawing with reference to examined claim 1.

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DE 40 09 038 is indicated to have a United States counterpart as Patent 5,128,605. No certification or fee is required since this Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to the initial action on the merits.

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